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FAN-MAIL OF DANGER!
THE FLUOROSCOPE SHOWS THAT THIS "FAN" GIFT IS REALLY A BOMB FROM THE UNDER-WORLD!
BUT THIS FAN-LETTER I'M READING IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANY BOMB!
To BATMAN & ROBIN
TICK TICK TICK
by BOB KANE

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BATMAN

WHEN YOU'RE SECRETLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER, YOU HAVE TO KEEP FIT--AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON DO IN THEIR HOME GYM!

OOF! DICK, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CATCH ME!

WHAT ON EARTH--

OH--ER--SORRY, BRUCE! BUT I JUST SAW THE BAT-SIGNAL THROUGH THE WINDOW! WE'RE WANTED!

IN THE HIDDEN BATCAVE BELOW THE WAYNE MANSION...

WHEW! WE HAVEN'T HAD A MOMENT'S REST RECENTLY!

I WONDER WHAT'S BREWING NOW?

THE SUMMONS LEADS TO THE GREAT GOTHAM CITY POST OFFICE!

YOU'RE THE POSTMASTER? COMMISSIONER GORDON TOLD US YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY HERE!

WE DO, **BATMAN**--AND ONLY **YOU** CAN HANDLE IT! COME INTO OUR MAIL ROOMS!

YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR **MAIL** FOR DAYS--IT'S CLOGGING THE WHOLE POST-OFFICE!

I'M SORRY--WE WERE TOO BUSY LATELY! I'D BETTER RENT AN OFFICE TO TAKE IT TO--**ROBIN**, YOU HIRE A TRUCK!

BATMAN AND ROBIN

US

U. S. MAIL

AND PRESENTLY, A MOUNTAINOUS ACCUMULATION OF FAN-MAIL IS IN TRANSIT!

WE'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT--THESE LETTERS ALL DESERVE AN ANSWER!

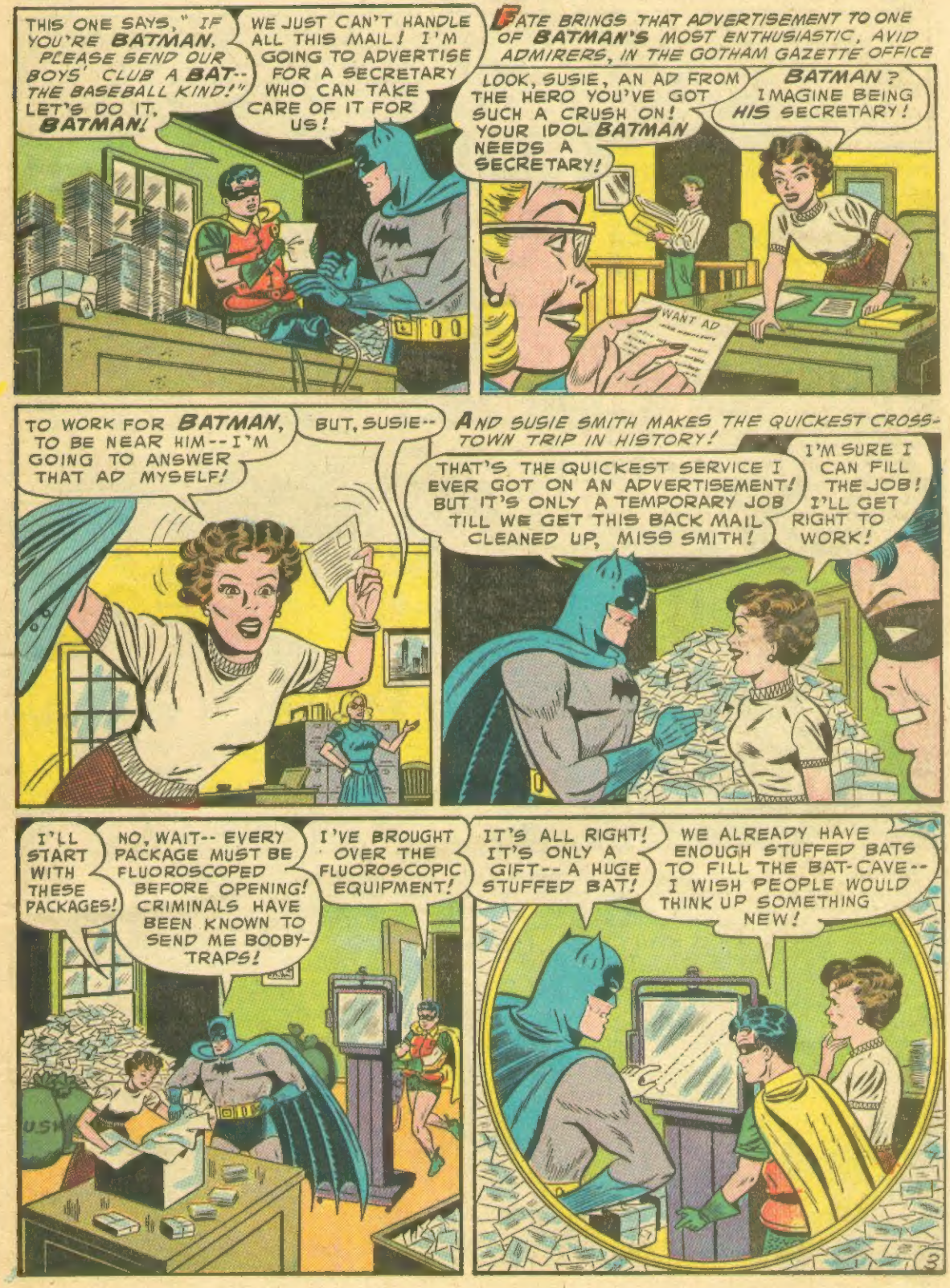
BUT IT'LL TAKE US A LONG TIME, **BATMAN**--WE'VE REALLY LET OUR MAIL PILE UP!

SOON, IN A MODEST, SMALL OFFICE...

A LETTER FROM A NORTH-WOODS ADMIRER, WRITTEN ON A BEAVER-SKIN! I'LL ANSWER IT FIRST!

THIS'LL KEEP US FROM OUR REAL WORK! AND THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING **TOO** IMPORTANT IN THIS MAIL!

WRONG, **ROBIN**! YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT ONE OF THESE LETTERS **COULD** END **BATMAN'S** GREAT CAREER!


THIS ONE SAYS," IF YOU'RE BATMAN, PLEASE SEND OUR BOYS' CLUB A BAT-- THE BASEBALL KIND!" LET'S DO IT, BATMAN!
WE JUST CAN'T HANDLE ALL THIS MAIL! I'M GOING TO ADVERTISE FOR A SECRETARY WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF IT FOR US!
FATE BRINGS THAT ADVERTISEMENT TO ONE OF BATMAN'S MOST ENTHUSIASTIC, AVID ADMIRERS, IN THE GOTHAM GAZETTE OFFICE
LOOK, SUSIE, AN AD FROM THE HERO YOU'VE GOT SUCH A CRUSH ON! YOUR IDOL BATMAN NEEDS A SECRETARY!
BATMAN? IMAGINE BEING HIS SECRETARY!
WANT AD
TO WORK FOR BATMAN, TO BE NEAR HIM-- I'M GOING TO ANSWER THAT AD MYSELF!
BUT, SUSIE--
AND SUSIE SMITH MAKES THE QUICKEST CROSS-TOWN TRIP IN HISTORY!
THAT'S THE QUICKEST SERVICE I EVER GOT ON AN ADVERTISEMENT! BUT IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY JOB TILL WE GET THIS BACK MAIL CLEANED UP, MISS SMITH!
I'M SURE I CAN FILL THE JOB! I'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK!
I'LL START WITH THESE PACKAGES!
NO, WAIT-- EVERY PACKAGE MUST BE FLUOROSCOPED BEFORE OPENING! CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SEND ME BOOBY-TRAPS!
I'VE BROUGHT OVER THE FLUOROSCOPIC EQUIPMENT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S ONLY A GIFT-- A HUGE STUFFED BAT!
WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH STUFFED BATS TO FILL THE BAT-CAVE-- I WISH PEOPLE WOULD THINK UP SOMETHING NEW!
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WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS FAN-MAIL ANSWERED QUICKLY--WE CAN'T FIGHT CRIME WHILE WE'RE HERE WRITING LETTERS!
IT'LL GO FASTER IF WE SET UP A REGULAR MAIL-HANDLING LINE!
LISTEN... A MR. HENRY HARRIS REQUESTS BATMAN'S AUTOGRAPH. HE CLAIMS HE NEEDS IT TO COMPLETE HIS COLLECTION OF "GREAT LAWMEN'S SIGNATURES"!
I'LL WRITE AN AUTOGRAPH FOR HIM--YOU TAKE THE NEXT LETTER, ROBIN!
A ROPE-MANUFACTURER WILL PAY YOU ANY PRICE TO ENDORSE HIS BRAND OF ROPE!
TELL HIM WE ARE SORRY, BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN NEVER ENDORSE ANY PRODUCTS!
ONE LETTER DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION...
THIS LETTER FROM A MRS. NORTON SAYS HER SON'S LIFE IS IN DANGER UNLESS WE HELP! WE'D BETTER LOOK HER UP AT ONCE!
I'LL MAIL OFF THESE REPLIES YOU'VE ALREADY WRITTEN!
WHAT A-- (SIGH)--MAN! IF ONLY I COULD BE BATMAN'S SECRETARY PERMANENTLY! HM, I'VE AN IDEA--BUT FIRST I'D BETTER MAIL THESE REPLIES, FOR PEOPLE WILL BE ANXIOUS TO GET THEM!
ONE REPLY IS INDEED EAGERLY AWAITED, BY VINCENT CRAIL, FORMER HANDWRITING EXPERT NOW WANTED FOR FORGERY...
BY ASKING UNDER THE ASSUMED NAME OF "HENRY HARRIS", I WAS ABLE TO GET BATMAN'S AUTOGRAPH! AND THAT MEANS I'LL SOON HAVE THE SECRET OF HIS IDENTITY!
BUT HOW, CRAIL? I KNOW YOU WERE A HANDWRITING EXPERT TILL YOU RAN FOUL OF THE LAW! BUT HOW COULD EVEN YOU TELL BATMAN'S IDENTITY FROM HIS SIGNATURE?
FOUR MEN IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN SUSPECTED OF BEING BATMAN--THESE FOUR! I'LL GET THE SIGNATURE OF EACH, AND COMPARE IT TO BATMAN'S SIGNATURE!
SAY, IT OUGHT TO WORK! AND THERE ARE RACKETEERS WHO'LL PAY A FORTUNE TO KNOW WHO BATMAN IS!
HOWARD DANE
ED STEVENS
GUY WILFORD
BRUCE WAYNE
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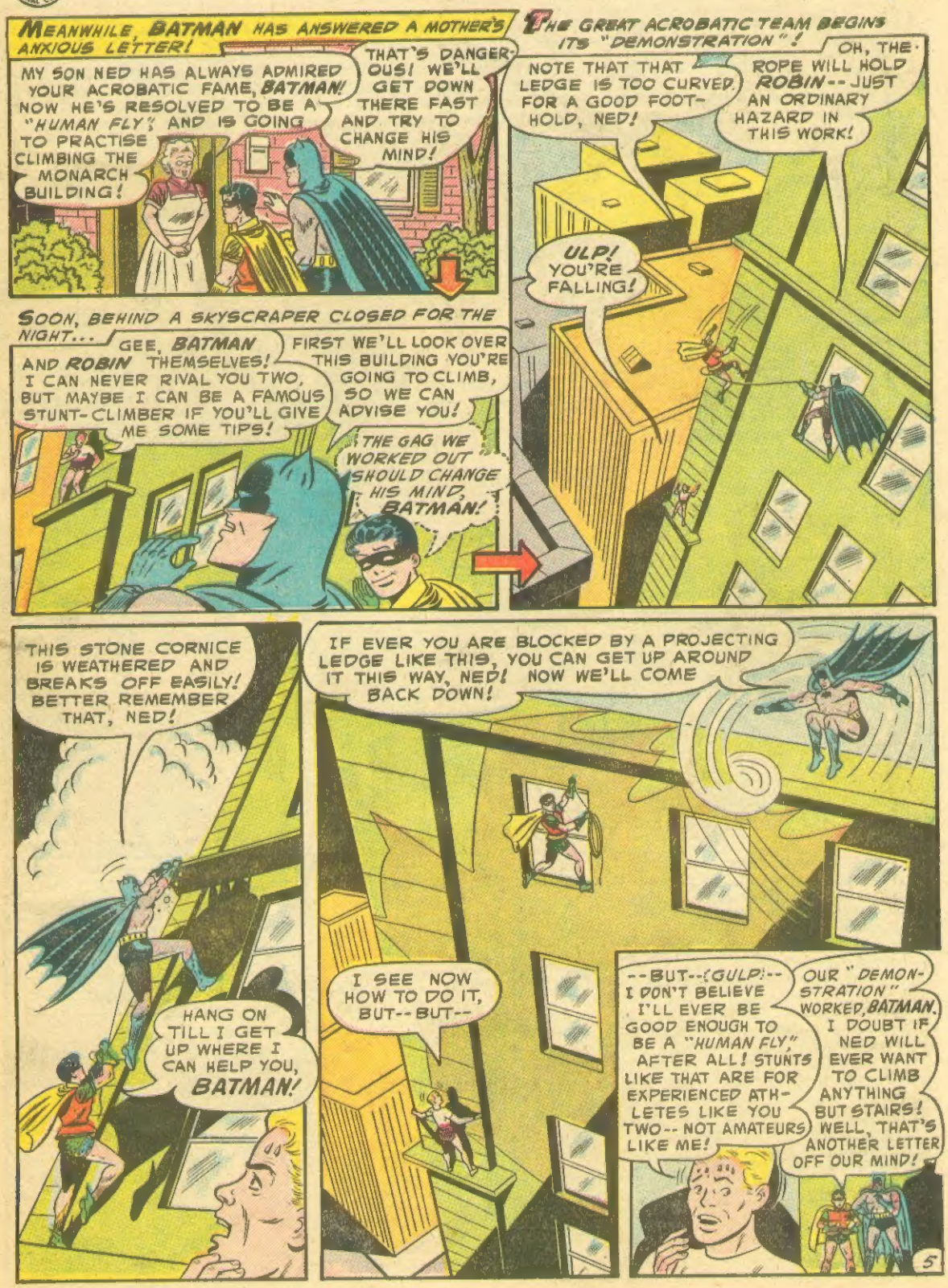
MEANWHILE, BATMAN HAS ANSWERED A MOTHER'S ANXIOUS LETTER!
MY SON NED HAS ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR ACROBATIC FAME, BATMAN! NOW HE'S RESOLVED TO BE A "HUMAN FLY"; AND IS GOING TO PRACTISE CLIMBING THE MONARCH BUILDING!
THAT'S DANGEROUS! WE'LL GET DOWN THERE FAST AND TRY TO CHANGE HIS MIND!
SOON, BEHIND A SKYSCRAPER CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT...
GEE, BATMAN AND ROBIN THEMSELVES! I CAN NEVER RIVAL YOU TWO, BUT MAYBE I CAN BE A FAMOUS STUNT-CLIMBER IF YOU'LL GIVE ME SOME TIPS!
FIRST WE'LL LOOK OVER THIS BUILDING YOU'RE GOING TO CLIMB, SO WE CAN ADVISE YOU!
THE GAG WE WORKED OUT SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND, BATMAN!
THE GREAT ACROBATIC TEAM BEGINS ITS "DEMONSTRATION"!
NOTE THAT THAT LEDGE IS TOO CURVED FOR A GOOD FOOT-HOLD, NED!
OH, THE ROPE WILL HOLD ROBIN -- JUST AN ORDINARY HAZARD IN THIS WORK!
ULP! YOU'RE FALLING!
THIS STONE CORNICE IS WEATHERED AND BREAKS OFF EASILY! BETTER REMEMBER THAT, NED!
HANG ON TILL I GET UP WHERE I CAN HELP YOU, BATMAN!
IF EVER YOU ARE BLOCKED BY A PROJECTING LEDGE LIKE THIS, YOU CAN GET UP AROUND IT THIS WAY, NED! NOW WE'LL COME BACK DOWN!
I SEE NOW HOW TO DO IT, BUT-- BUT--
--BUT--(GULP!-- I DON'T BELIEVE I'LL EVER BE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A "HUMAN FLY," AFTER ALL! STUNTS LIKE THAT ARE FOR EXPERIENCED ATHLETES LIKE YOU TWO-- NOT AMATEURS LIKE ME!
OUR "DEMONSTRATION" WORKED, BATMAN. I DOUBT IF NED WILL EVER WANT TO CLIMB ANYTHING BUT STAIRS! WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER LETTER OFF OUR MIND!
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BUT WHILE BATMAN HAS BEEN BUSY, SO HAS HIS SECRETARY-- AT HER OLD OFFICE IN THE GOTHAM GAZETTE!

BATMAN'S SECRETARY? THERE'S A SCOOP STORY IN THAT! WILL YOU TELL IT TO OUR REPORTERS, AND OVER OUR AFFILIATED RADIO STATION?

IT'S TRUE--I'M BATMAN'S SECRETARY NOW! I HELP HIM ANSWER ALL HIS FAN MAIL!

FOR HER OWN REASONS, SUSIE SMITH GRANTS THE INTERVIEW!

HOW BATMAN LOOKS TO HIS SECRETARY! NO WONDER THEY PUT THIS ON A WORLD-WIDE HOOK-UP!

-- AND BATMAN ANSWERS ALL LETTERS, NO MATTER WHO WRITES HIM! HE'S A WONDERFUL PERSON!

OUT OVER THE AIR-WAVES GOES A SPEECH THAT IS TO CREATE HAVOC!

I SAY, IF BATMAN ANSWERS ALL LETTERS, I'LL DASH OFF A FEW LINES TO HIM!

UN LETTRE POUR BATMAN!

DRAT ARGA NA BATMAN!

NEXT MORNING, DISMAYING NEWS AWAITS BRUCE AND DICK...

--AND BATMAN'S SECRETARY SAYS HE FAITHFULLY ANSWERS ALL LETTERS!

THAT WILL INCREASE OUR FAN-MAIL, FOR SURE -- BUT SHE COULD NOT HAVE FORESEEN THAT! I'LL SPEAK TO HER!

YOU SEE, MISS SMITH, THAT INTERVIEW YOU GAVE HAS ALREADY TRIPLED OUR MAIL, AND THAT WILL HINDER OUR REAL WORK!

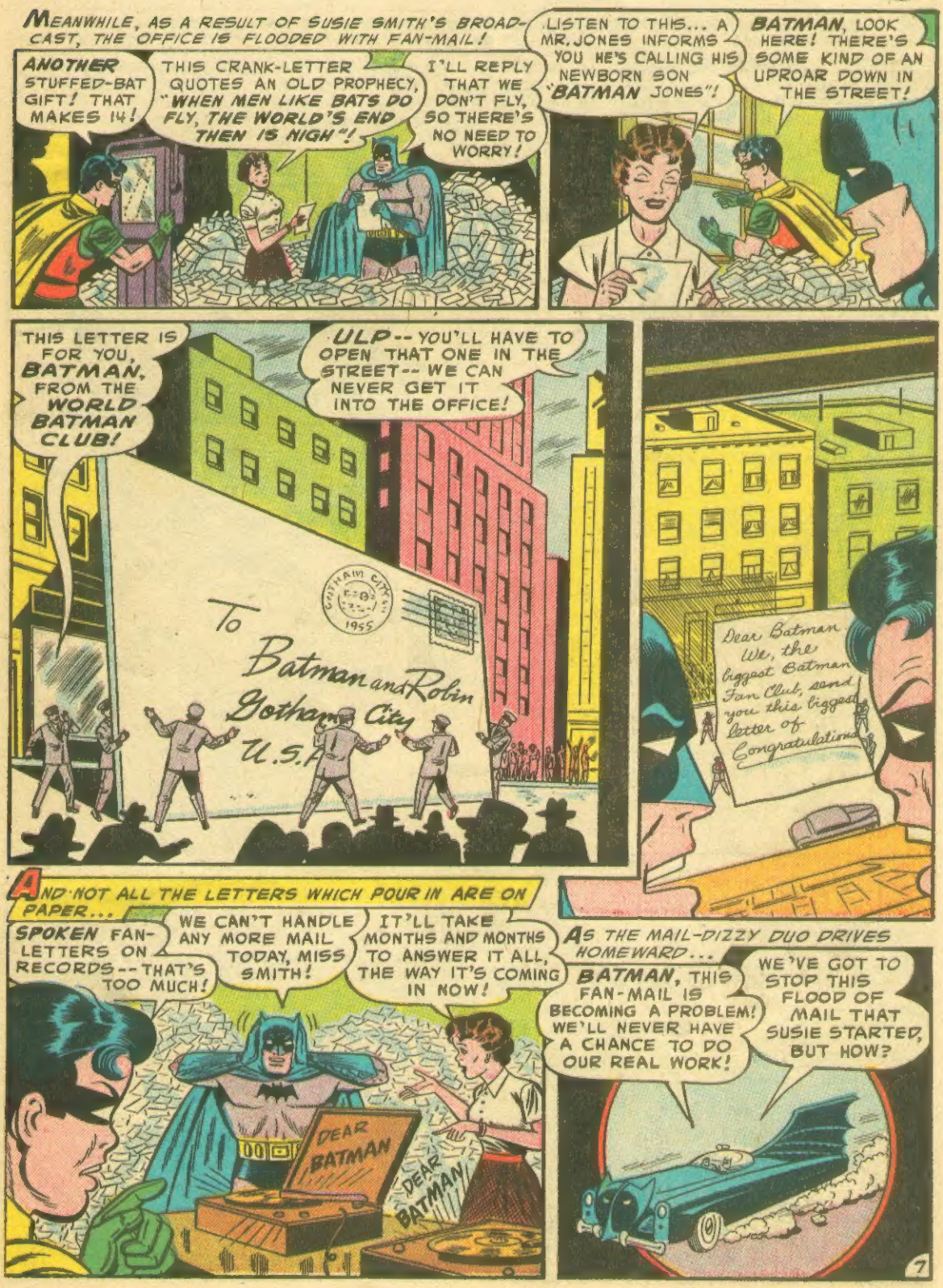
I'M SO SORRY!

BUT AS LONG AS LOTS OF MAIL COMES IN, I'LL STILL BE BATMAN'S SECRETARY, AND STILL NEAR HIM!

MEANWHILE, IN HIS QUEST FOR BATMAN'S IDENTITY, VINCENT CRAIL IS GETTING WARM!

I GOT SIGNATURES OF THE FIRST TWO BATMAN-SUSPECTS, BUT NEITHER OF THEM MATCH BATMAN'S HANDWRITING! ONLY GUY WILFORD AND BRUCE WAYNE ARE LEFT!

WHEN YOU GET THEIR SIGNATURES, YOU'LL KNOW WHICH OF THEM IS BATMAN!


MEANWHILE, AS A RESULT OF SUSIE SMITH'S BROADCAST, THE OFFICE IS FLOODED WITH FAN-MAIL!
ANOTHER STUFFED-BAT GIFT! THAT MAKES 14!
THIS CRANK-LETTER QUOTES AN OLD PROPHECY, "WHEN MEN LIKE BATS DO FLY, THE WORLD'S END THEN IS NIGH"!
I'LL REPLY THAT WE DON'T FLY, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
LISTEN TO THIS... A MR. JONES INFORMS YOU HE'S CALLING HIS NEWBORN SON "BATMAN JONES"!
BATMAN, LOOK HERE! THERE'S SOME KIND OF AN UPROAR DOWN IN THE STREET!
THIS LETTER IS FOR YOU, BATMAN, FROM THE WORLD BATMAN CLUB!
ULP-- YOU'LL HAVE TO OPEN THAT ONE IN THE STREET-- WE CAN NEVER GET IT INTO THE OFFICE!
GOTHAM CITY FEB 1955
To Batman and Robin Gotham City U.S.A.
Dear Batman We, the biggest Batman Fan Club, send you this biggest letter of Congratulations
AND NOT ALL THE LETTERS WHICH POUR IN ARE ON PAPER...
SPOKEN FAN-LETTERS ON RECORDS-- THAT'S TOO MUCH!
WE CAN'T HANDLE ANY MORE MAIL TODAY, MISS SMITH!
IT'LL TAKE MONTHS AND MONTHS TO ANSWER IT ALL, THE WAY IT'S COMING IN NOW!
DEAR BATMAN
DEAR BATMAN
AS THE MAIL-DIZZY DUO DRIVES HOMEWARD...
BATMAN, THIS FAN-MAIL IS BECOMING A PROBLEM! WE'LL NEVER HAVE A CHANCE TO DO OUR REAL WORK!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THIS FLOOD OF MAIL THAT SUSIE STARTED, BUT HOW?
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BUT WHEN THE WEARY DUO BECOMES BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON, THEIR MAIL TROUBLES STILL ARE NOT OVER!
SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR BRUCE WAYNE--PLEASE SIGN, MR. WAYNE!
MORE MAIL--THAT'S ALL WE NEED!
BUT, A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
THIS IS A LETTER FROM THE GOTHAM MUSEUM ABOUT THE NEXT TRUSTEES' MEETING--BUT SINCE THE MEETING WON'T BE FOR A WEEK, WHY WAS IT SENT BY SPECIAL DELIVERY? THE LETTER'S A FAKE!
BUT WHY? NOTHING WAS GAINED BY IT!
MY SIGNATURE WAS GAINED! AND REMEMBER, A FEW OF THOSE FIRST FAN-LETTERS ASKED FOR BATMAN'S SIGNATURE!
THEN SOMEONE COULD BE TRYING TO COMPARE HANDWRITINGS, SO AS TO-- BRUCE, THAT COULD BE IT!
A QUICK SWITCH BACK TO BATMAN AND ROBIN, AND THE CRIME-FIGHTERS SPEED AWAY...
REMEMBER, VINCENT CRAIL, THE HANDWRITING-EXPERT TURNED FORGER, WAS NEVER CAUGHT! THIS LOOKS LIKE HIS SCHEME!
WE CAN CHECK THE PEOPLE YOU SENT YOUR AUTOGRAPH TO, AND GET A LEAD THAT WAY!
BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE OFFICE, THEY FIND NEW TROUBLES PILED UP FOR THEM!
WHERE SHALL WE PUT ALL THIS MAIL, BATMAN? THERE'S NO ROOM LEFT INSIDE, AND WE CAN'T DUMP ANY MORE SACKS ON THE SIDEWALK!
PLEASE, FELLOWS--I'M REALLY BUSY ON A CASE RIGHT NOW!
WHAT A STORY!
U.S. MAIL
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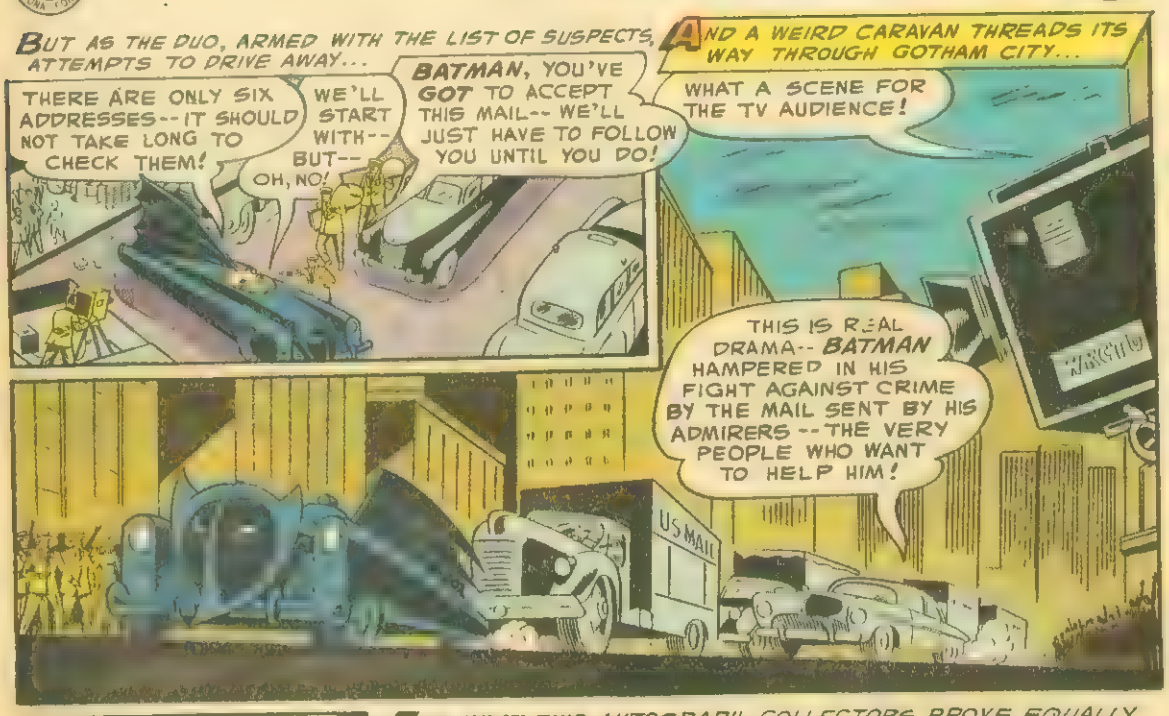
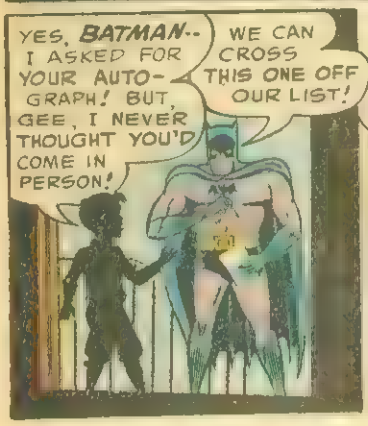
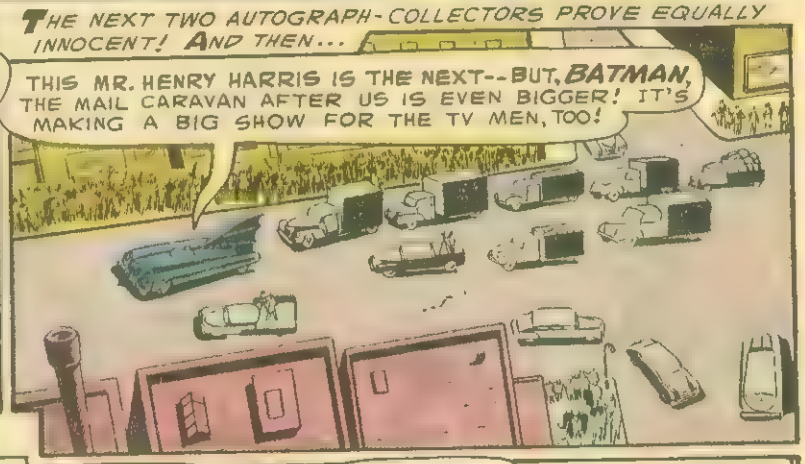
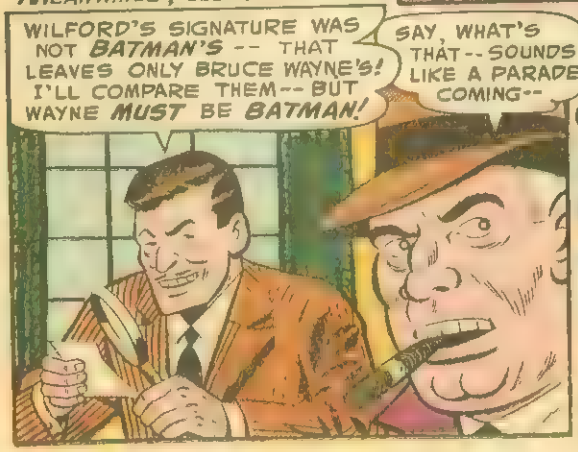
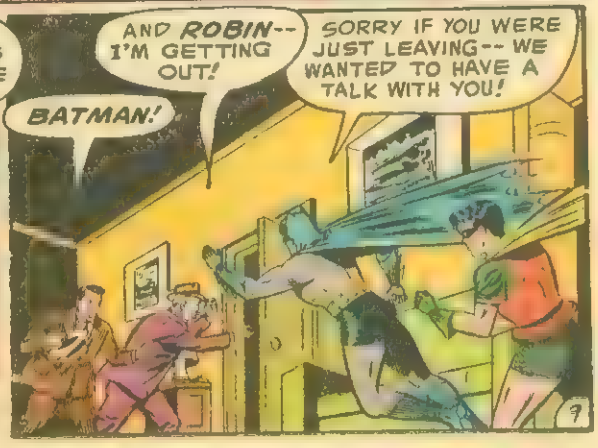
I G-GUESS I REALLY STARTED SOMETHING, DIDN'T I? BATMAN, WHAT SHALL I DO?
WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING LATER-- RIGHT NOW, GIVE ME THE LIST OF PEOPLE TO WHOM I SENT AUTOGRAPHS!


BUT AS THE DUO, ARMED WITH THE LIST OF SUSPECTS, ATTEMPTS TO DRIVE AWAY...
THERE ARE ONLY SIX ADDRESSES--IT SHOULD NOT TAKE LONG TO CHECK THEM!
WE'LL START WITH--
BUT--
OH, NO!
BATMAN, YOU'VE GOT TO ACCEPT THIS MAIL--WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW YOU UNTIL YOU DO!
AND A WEIRD CARAVAN THREADS ITS WAY THROUGH GOTHAM CITY...
WHAT A SCENE FOR THE TV AUDIENCE!
THIS IS REAL DRAMA--BATMAN HAMPERED IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST CRIME BY THE MAIL SENT BY HIS ADMIRERS--THE VERY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP HIM!
US MAIL


YES, BATMAN--I ASKED FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH! BUT, GEE, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME IN PERSON!
WE CAN CROSS THIS ONE OFF OUR LIST!


THE NEXT TWO AUTOGRAPH-COLLECTORS PROVE EQUALLY INNOCENT! AND THEN...
THIS MR. HENRY HARRIS IS THE NEXT--BUT, BATMAN, THE MAIL CARAVAN AFTER US IS EVEN BIGGER! IT'S MAKING A BIG SHOW FOR THE TV MEN, TOO!


MEANWHILE, CLOSE BY...
WILFORD'S SIGNATURE WAS NOT BATMAN'S -- THAT LEAVES ONLY BRUCE WAYNE'S! I'LL COMPARE THEM--BUT WAYNE MUST BE BATMAN!
SAY, WHAT'S THAT--SOUNDS LIKE A PARADE COMING--


AND ROBIN--I'M GETTING OUT!
BATMAN!
SORRY IF YOU WERE JUST LEAVING--WE WANTED TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU!
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DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'D COME BACK IF WE SENT THEM A LETTER?
MAYBE -- HOW'S THIS FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY?
U.S MAIL
BUT THE CAPTURED FORGER HAS A LAST TRIUMPHANT WORD TO SAY!
EVEN IF I GO TO JAIL, I STILL WIN! I'VE UNMASKED BATMAN'S IDENTITY-- THERE, COMPARE HIS SIGNATURE WITH BRUCE WAYNE'S!
ARE YOU KIDDING? THE SIGNATURES DON'T RESEMBLE EACH OTHER IN THE LEAST!
WHY--WHY, THEY'RE NOT THE SAME! AND I WAS SO SURE--
HE COULDN'T GUESS THAT AS A SECURITY MEASURE WE ALWAYS SIGN OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN NAMES WITH THE LEFT HAND, SO THE SIGNATURES CAN'T EVER BE TRACED!
Batman
Bruce Wayne
WITH CRAIL AND HIS ACCOMPLICE SAFELY IN CUSTODY, BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN GRIMLY TO THEIR BIGGEST PROBLEM!
THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT HAS ALLOWED EMERGENCY PARKING HERE FOR THOSE TRUCKS!
OH, BATMAN, I'M SORRY I STARTED ALL THIS EXTRA FAN-MAIL! BUT I'LL HELP CLEAN IT UP-- AND I'M SURE THAT NOW THAT THE PUBLIC HAS SEEN ON TV HOW IT HAMPERED YOU, PEOPLE WILL STOP SENDING IT!
Dear Batman
AT LAST, AFTER HOURS OF HARD WORK...
ALL OUT-OF-TOWN FAN-LETTERS ANSWERED -- BUT THESE THOUSANDS OF GOTHAM CITY FAN-LETTERS SHOULD BE ANSWERED, TOO!
I'LL ANSWER THEM ALL TOGETHER! WAIT TILL WE GET THE BATPLANE!
U.S MAIL
MAIL
U.S MAIL OUT OF TOWN
AND HIGH ABOVE GOTHAM CITY, THE BATPLANE STREAKS THROUGH THE SKY, WRITING A MESSAGE FOR ALL TO SEE!
DEAR FOLKS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTERS...
THIS IS THE EASY WAY TO ANSWER LETTERS, EH, ROBIN?
YES -- AND I HOPE PEOPLE WILL WRITE TO US THIS WAY, TOO -- I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANOTHER POSTMAN FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!
The End
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CASEY
THE COP
HENRY BOLTINOFF
HMM..
HELLO, TOM. WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THAT LADDER?
TO THE BASEBALL GAME!
WHO EVER HEARD OF TAKING A LADDER TO A BALL GAME! WHAT FOR?
TO SEE THE GAME!
BASEBALL TODAY
THE END

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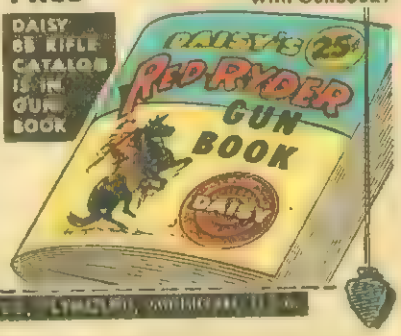

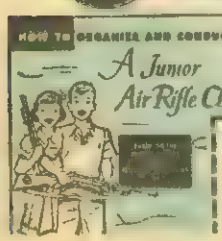

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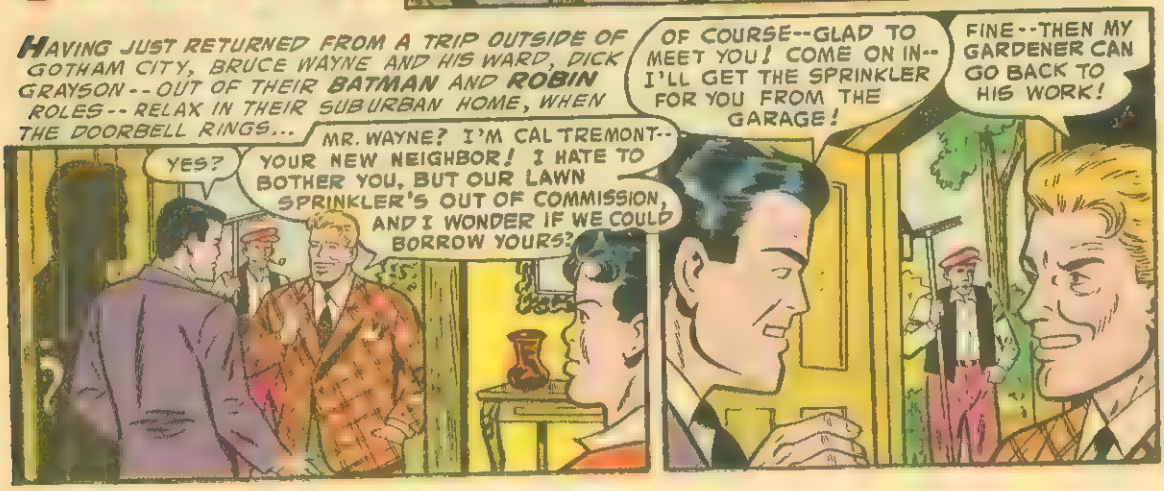
BAT MAN
ROBIN
THERE GOES THE MYSTERY BURGLAR, ROBIN!
YES--AND LOOK AT THE HOUSE HE'S HEADED FOR! OUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, BATMAN! IT SEEMS THAT OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR IS THE BURGLAR WE'RE AFTER!
BOB KANE

SUPPOSING **YOU** WERE BRUCE WAYNE'S NEIGHBOR! THAT WOULD MEAN YOU'D BE LIVING NEXT DOOR TO **BATMAN!** EXCITING THOUGHT, INDEED! BUT **WOULD** IT BE SO EXCITING -- IN THE EVENT YOU SOMEHOW GOT INVOLVED IN A **CRIME?** IN THAT CASE, WOULD YOU WANT TO HAVE THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRACKER OF CRIMINALS LIVING PRACTICALLY ON YOUR DOORSTEP? YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU READ THE STORY OF...

"BATMAN'S GUILTY NEIGHBOR!"

HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP OUTSIDE OF GOTHAM CITY, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON -- OUT OF THEIR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ROLES -- RELAX IN THEIR SUBURBAN HOME, WHEN THE DOORBELL RINGS...


YES?
MR. WAYNE? I'M CAL TREMONT--YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR! I HATE TO BOTHER YOU, BUT OUR LAWN SPRINKLER'S OUT OF COMMISSION, AND I WONDER IF WE COULD BORROW YOURS?
OF COURSE--GLAD TO MEET YOU! COME ON IN--I'LL GET THE SPRINKLER FOR YOU FROM THE GARAGE!
FINE--THEN MY GARDENER CAN GO BACK TO HIS WORK!

LATER, AFTER THE GARDENER LEAVES WITH THE SPRINKLER...
YOUR PLACE IS NICE, MR. WAYNE! THAT'S A SMART TOUCH--THE FRENCH DOORS LEADING OUT ONTO THE FLAGSTONE TERRACE!
WE TRY TO MAKE IT COMFORTABLE HERE!
AND THAT GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK! WHAT A BEAUTY!
LITTLE DOES TREMONT KNOW THAT BEHIND THE GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE BATCAVE!
THEN, A MOMENT LATER...
WELL, I'VE GOT TO BE GOING! MY GARDENER'S NOT STEADY--I'M USING HIM ONLY ONCE A MONTH! I'VE GOT TO SEE THAT THE LAWN GETS WELL WATERED! THANKS--IT WAS NICE TO MEET YOU!
SAME HERE, MR. TREMONT! DROP OVER ANYTIME--AFTER ALL, WE'RE NEIGHBORS NOW!
NO SOONER DOES THE NEW NEIGHBOR LEAVE WHEN POLICE ARRIVE!
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT, OFFICER?
YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR--CAL TREMONT! DO YOU KNOW HIM VERY WELL, MR. WAYNE?
WHY, NO! HE MOVED IN JUST THE OTHER DAY--WHILE WE WERE OUT OF TOWN! I MET HIM ONLY A MOMENT AGO, WHEN HE WAS IN HERE APPARENTLY ADMIRING MY HOUSE!
ADMIRING? HARDLY, MR. WAYNE! TREMONT MAY HAVE BEEN CASING YOUR HOME!
CASING MY HOUSE? FOR WHAT? WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
IN YOUR ABSENCE, MR. WAYNE--THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD BY A MYSTERIOUS BURGLAR! WE HAVE CERTAIN EVIDENCE THAT POINTS TO TREMONT AS THE CRIMINAL!

A VALUABLE SET OF SILVERWARE WAS STOLEN FROM ONE OF THE HOMES! THE SET WAS WRAPPED IN THIS VELVET, WHICH WE FOUND IN TREMONT'S WASTE BASKET!
HMM--THAT DOES LOOK BAD FOR HIM!
FRANKLY, WE WANT MORE EVIDENCE BEFORE WE CRACK DOWN! GOODBYE, MR. WAYNE--KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED--AND, UH, DON'T MENTION ANY OF THIS TO TREMONT!
NOT A WORD!
THEN, WHEN THE POLICE ARE GONE...
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT--WE MAY HAVE A CRIMINAL LIVING RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO US!
THAT'S WHAT BATMAN AND ROBIN INTEND TO FIND OUT!
THAT NIGHT, UNDER A FULL MOON, TWO CAPE-DRAPED FIGURES KEEP A VIGIL ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM THE OLD SUBURBAN WATER TOWER...
FROM UP HERE WE CAN GET A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S GOING ON BELOW!
BATMAN! OVER THERE BY THE THORNDYKE PLACE! ISN'T THAT A FIGURE MOVING IN THE SHADOW?
THAT WOULDN'T BE THORNDYKE, TRYING TO ENTER HIS OWN HOUSE BY A SIDE WINDOW! LET'S GO, ROBIN!
USING THEIR STRONG, SILKEN CORDS, THE DARING DUO SWINGS THROUGH THE AIR...
THIS TIME WE'VE GOT THE BURGLAR IN THE ACT!
AT THE SOUND OF THE SCUFFING MADE BY BATMAN AND ROBIN WHEN THEY LAND, THE SHADOWY FIGURE TURNS AND FLEES..
BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHAT ARE THOSE TWO DOING HERE? HA! I KNOW A WAY TO GET THEM OFF MY TRAIL!
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DARTING PAST THE BACK OF THE THORNDYKE HOME, THE BURGLAR PAUSES TO SEVER A LEASH ATTACHED TO A SLEEPING DOG...
I'LL FREE THE DOG! HE'LL AWAKEN AND HOLD THEM OFF LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ESCAPE!
AND AS BATMAN AND ROBIN APPROACH...
G-R-R-R-R-R
THAT WAS A SMART MOVE ON THE BURGLAR'S PART! HE CUT THE DOG LOOSE! STEADY, PRINCE-- STEADY!
AT THE SOUND OF BATMAN'S VOICE, THE DOG CEASES ITS SNARLING, AND APPROACHES WAGGING ITS TAIL...
AS BRUCE WAYNE, I'VE MET PRINCE MANY TIMES! HE'S FRIENDLY BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZES ME! HI, BOY!
I KEPT MY EYE ON THE BURGLAR, BATMAN! HE FLED ACROSS TREMONT'S LAWN-- AND VANISHED! WE SHOULD CALL ON HIM!
A MOMENT LATER, AT THE TREMONT HOME.
BATMAN--ROBIN! WELL! COME ON IN! WHAT BRINGS YOU TWO HERE? (PUFF-PUFF) EXCUSE ME--I'M A LITTLE WINDED!
PARDON OUR INTRUSION AND QUESTIONS, MR. TREMONT-- BUT WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN THE LAST TEN MINUTES?
MY WIFE'S AT A MOVIE, SO I'VE BEEN DOING SOME CLEANING UP IN HERE! WE'RE HAVING FRENCH DOORS BUILT-- AN IDEA I GOT FROM A NEIGHBOR! (PUFF-PUFF) I GUESS I'M NOT IN SHAPE TO BE CARRYING HEAVY BASKETS OF PLASTER AND BRICKS!
I SEE!
YOU'VE GOT MUD ON YOUR SHOES! WERE YOU OUTSIDE ON YOUR LAWN?
YES--IN FACT, I WAS! I BORROWED A LAWN SPRINKLER FROM MY NEIGHBOR, BRUCE WAYNE, AND THE GARDENER LEFT IT ON! EARLIER, I WENT OUT AND TURNED IT OFF--AND MUDDIED MY SHOES!
WHY, BATMAN? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
OH--CALL IT A ROUTINE CHECK-UP! WE'RE SORRY TO HAVE BARGED IN HERE THIS WAY! GOOD NIGHT!

LATER, OUTSIDE...
HE WAS PUFFING--AS IF HE HAD BEEN RUNNING! AND HE HAD MUD ON HIS SHOES...JUST AS THE BURGLAR WOULD'VE HAD, FROM RUNNING ACROSS WET GROUND!
BUT HIS ALIBIS COVERED BOTH ANGLES! COME ON, ROBIN--WE'RE GOING TO THE BATCAVE! I HAVE AN IDEA!
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, IN THE SECRET, SUBTERRANEAN BATCAVE...
ONE OF THE BATCAVE TUNNELS LEADS DIRECTLY UNDER TREMONT'S HOUSE! HERE'S THE MAP...
WE CAN TUNNEL UP UNDER TREMONT'S HOUSE--HERE AT THE POINT MARKED "X"--AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!
A SHORT TIME LATER...
THERE'S THE JOB...DONE! NOW WE CAN ENTER UP THROUGH THE CELLAR AT THE RIGHT TIME! THAT TIME WILL BE AFTER WE SET THE WAYNE HOME UP AS BAIT FOR THE BURGLAR!
I SEE WE CAN GET EXCITEMENT RIGHT AT HOME!
ON THE FOLLOWING DAY...
WE'VE NOISED IT AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I BOUGHT THIS RARE "ART ITEM" FOR $5,000! THAT SHOULD LURE THE BURGLAR HERE!
I SEE! THEN WE'LL LEAVE, IN CASE HE'S WATCHING, AND GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO STEAL IT!
THAT NIGHT, IN THE BATCAVE TUNNEL...
THE BURGLAR HAS HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO ENTER OUR HOUSE AND GET THE STATUETTE! NOW--WE'LL SEE WHAT'S OCCURRING UP ABOVE IN THE TREMONT HOME!
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AS THE TWO FIGURES LURK IN THE SHADOWS...
FIRST THE POLICE CAME--THEN BATMAN! ANNE--I ACTUALLY THINK THEY SUSPECT ME! I THINK I'LL GO TO THE POLICE AND HAVE IT OUT!
I'VE TRIED TO TELL YOU ALL EVENING LONG, DARLING, THEY'RE PROBABLY CHECKING UP ON EVERYBODY! RELAX!

LATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO THE BATCAVE...
TREMONT'S NOT THE BURGLAR! HE'S WILLING TO GO TO THE POLICE AND HAVE IT OUT--AND BESIDES, FROM THEIR TALK, HE'S BEEN HOME ALL EVENING!
MAYBE THE STATUETTE'S STILL THERE! LET'S CHECK!
THEN, AT THE WAYNE HOME...
THE STATUETTE IS GONE--AND WE'RE CERTAIN TREMONT DIDN'T TAKE IT! BUT THE BURGLAR DIDN'T REALIZE ONE THING--THE LUMINOUS SAND WE HAD PACKED IN THE STATUE WOULD DRIP OUT, LEAVING A TRAIL!
AND THERE IT IS--LIGHTING THE WAY THE BURGLAR WENT! COME ON--WE'LL FOLLOW IT!
THE TRAIL LEADS TO BEHIND THE TREMONT GARAGE, WHERE...
THAT'S OUR MAN--TREMONT'S GARDENER! HE'S THE MYSTERIOUS BURGLAR!
AND HE'S ABOUT READY TO BURY THE STATUETTE, UNTIL HE CAN REMOVE IT LATER!
YOU WON'T TAKE ME, BATMAN... UNNFPH!
THEN, WITH THE PRISONER IN TOW...
HIS GARDENING WORK FOR YOU WAS JUST A FRONT, MR. TREMONT! BY PRETENDING TO BE A GARDENER HE WAS ABLE TO CASE THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PLOT HIS BURGLARIES!
WHAT NERVE! AND HE TRIED TO PUT THE BLAME ON ME!
GOLLY, BATMAN--YOU SURE SAVED ME! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO HAVE YOU AS A NEIGHBOR! WELL... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BE STUCK WITH THAT PLAYBOY, BRUCE WAYNE!
YES--I SUPPOSE SO!
THE END.
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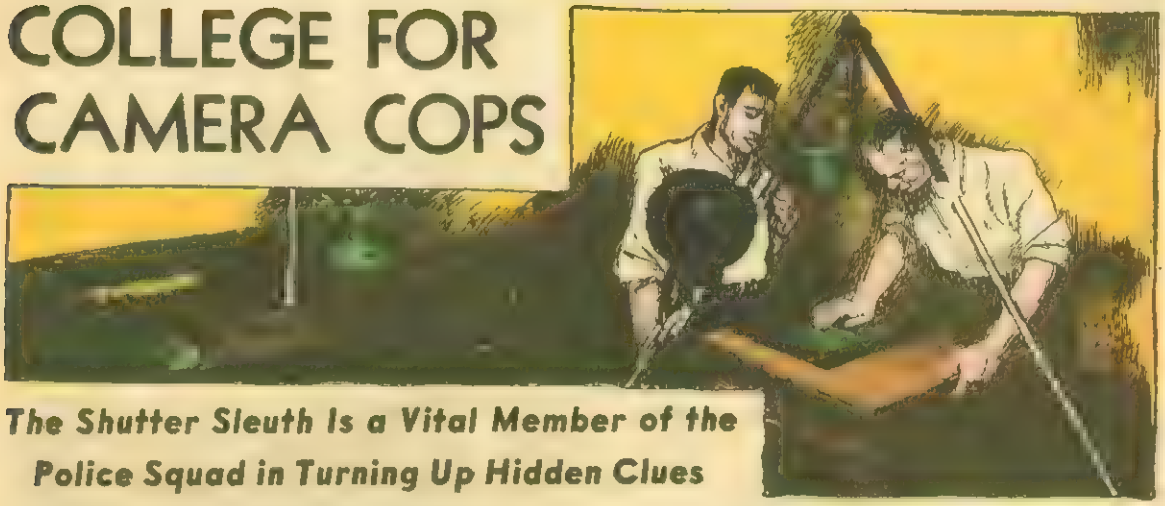
CASEY
THE COP
CASEY, TODAY YOU'RE COVERING THE THIRD STREET BEAT. THAT'S THE TOUGHEST ONE IN OUR PRECINCT!
AHA - A PICKPOCKET! THINGS ARE STARTING EARLY!
I CAUGHT DON THE DIP IN ACTION, SARGE!
AND THERE'S A HOLDUP!
GROCERIES
LEFTY WAS ROBBING A GROCERY STORE!

THIS SQUAD CAR WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR ME!
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR WEEKS!
RUNNING A GAMBLING ROOM, EH?
ZOOOM
PD
AND
THIS MAKES THE THIRD LOAD-FUL!
EEEEEEEE
PD
I THINK I'LL TAKE IN A MOVIE, SARGE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU'RE STILL ON DUTY!
BUT THERE'S NOBODY LEFT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO WATCH. ALL THE TOUGHIES ARE IN JAIL!
END

COLLEGE FOR CAMERA COPS



The Shutter Sleuth Is a Vital Member of the Police Squad in Turning Up Hidden Clues

NOT long ago, detectives stared at the wreckage of an office that had been broken into the night before.

The police were completely puzzled. They had dusted every square inch of solid area without obtaining the ghost of a fingerprint.

Some minutes later, a man entered, carrying a camera. Despite the remarks of others in the office to the effect that there wasn't much for him to do in the way of taking pictures, the photographer continued a systematic search of the premises.

Suddenly, he stopped short in front of the broken window frame, through which the thieves had made their entry. Clearly visible on the frame were the chisel marks made by the robbers.

Adjusting his lens, the crime photographer carefully took a dozen close shots of the chisel marks, snapping from every possible angle.

The photographs were developed, and the prints were placed in the large manila envelope containing other pertinent information regarding the break-in.

And there the prints remained until about three months later, when police surprised a gang of crooks in the act of breaking into a downtown warehouse.

As a matter of routine, the crooks' tools were closely examined. Among those interested was the photographer. He selected two chisels from among the tools, and photographed them.

Comparison photos of the chisels and their marks found in the looted office three months before proved conclusively that the marks could only have been made by the chisels under examination.

More recently, another crime photographer entered a department store basement room, used as a storage place for valuables, which had just been looted.

The thieves had entered via a small window about eight feet from the floor. Obviously, two crooks had perpetrated the crime. One had remained in the alley while the other had dropped down from the high window. To lift the looted articles to his confederate in the alley, the crook inside the room used a wooden chair in the room to stand on.

The walls were completely free of tell-tale fingerprints. Yet, the shutter

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sleuth knew exactly where to obtain a fine, fresh pair of fingerprints—on the bottom of the undersides of the chair.

The crime photographer had correctly reasoned that the crook inside the room needed something to stand on in order to heist himself to the high window, and the position of the chair proved this.

The crook was taken into custody two weeks later.

In both cases, it was a police photographer who came up with the kind of sleuthing necessary to put the thieves behind bars. Both cases reveal the new role being played by crime photographers.

Not so long ago, the typical police photographer was usually a local commercial photographer who was enlisted by the police whenever a crime occurred. He knew little or nothing about police methods, and took pictures wherever and whenever the detective in charge directed.

But the camera sleuth of today is an important member of the squad, and he knows as well as any detective where to seek and find clues.

He is the product of one of the up-to-date schools for police photographers that are cropping up in key cities throughout the country. No modern police department will even consider a photographer who has not had training in one of these schools.

Now more than ever before, police photography is turning up the essential evidence. And there's more to it than meets the eye.

The modern camera sleuth graduated from the photography school knows a great deal more than how to aim his weapon and click the shutter. He is just as familiar with the complex workings of a comparison microscope, used in ballistics to photograph rifling marks on bullets.

Nor is he stymied when trying to photograph serial numbers which have been scraped or rifled off a metal surface. All he does is heat it and polish with a fine emery. He knows that the grain of the metal will be finer where it had been stamped, leaving identifying marks which his lens will then capture.

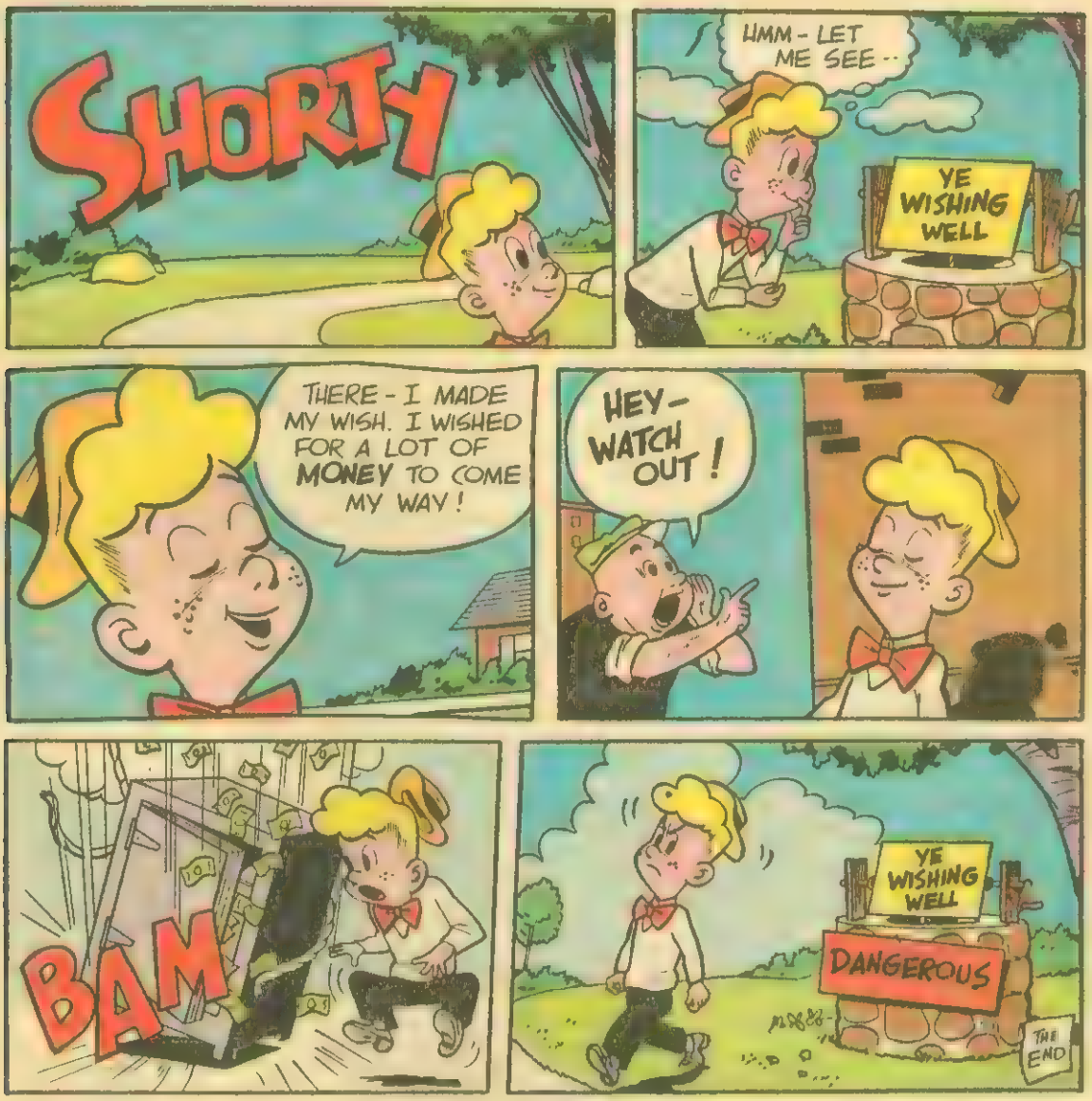
The police photographer of today divides his time between rushing to the scene of the crime and doing investigative examination in the police laboratory.

In the lab, he knows the many uses of infra-red, and is able to photograph revealing clues in a letter or document to trap the forger. A recent example of this was the camera sleuth who photographed a secret message written between the lines of an ordinary letter.

Still another lens detective, applying ultraviolet light, photographed a complete line originally written in indelible ink that had cleverly been removed from a will. In so doing, he made it possible for the rightful heir to come into his inheritance.

Camera sleuth students usually spend from nine months to a year doing classwork and on-location sleuthing. "Crimes" are staged for their benefit by detectives acting the roles of crooks. And no one is happier when a photographer successfully cracks a case than they.

—Jack Miller


SHORTY
HMM - LET ME SEE ..
YE WISHING WELL
THERE - I MADE MY WISH. I WISHED FOR A LOT OF MONEY TO COME MY WAY!
HEY - WATCH OUT!
BAM
YE WISHING WELL
DANGEROUS
THE END

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FEARLESS FOSDICK by Al Capp

BANG! ARE YOU HURT, FOSDICK? MERELY A SUPERFICIAL WOUND!!

CATCH HIM QUICKLY!! FIRST I MUST FIX MY HAIR, WITH WILDROOT CREAM OIL!! REMOVES LOOSE DANDRUFF-

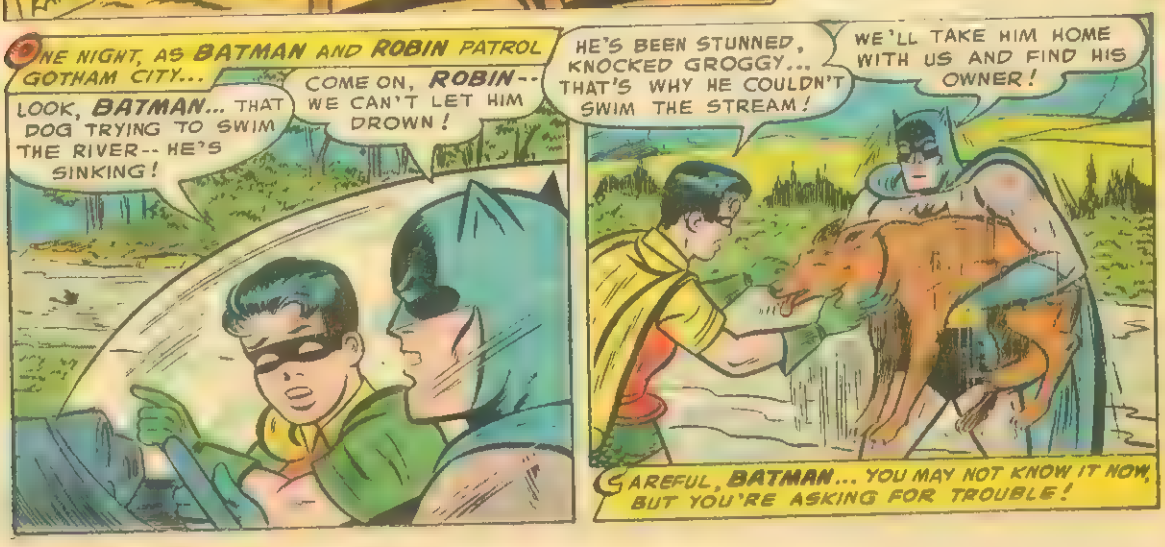
KEEPS HAIR NEAT, BUT NOT - UGH!! - GREASY!! HAIR IMPORTANT AT A TIME LIKE TH

WILDROOT CREAM-OIL HAIR TONIC

AT ALL TIMES!! NOW I WILL BE A CREDIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, ON THE FRONT PAGE!! GET WILDROOT CREAM OIL, CHARLIE!! MY NAME IS PRUDENCE PIMPLETON

GOT LOOSE DANDRUFF? DON'T BE MAN

BAT MAN
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
OUR NEW BAT-HOUND KNOWS THE BAT-SIGNAL NOW! LOOK-- HE'S READY FOR ACTION!
THAT DYNAMIC DUO, BATMAN AND ROBIN, SUDDENLY BECOME A PART OF A TRIO WHEN A NEW MEMBER JOINS THEIR TERRIFIC TEAM! AND THEIR NEW COMRADE ISN'T HUMAN BUT CANINE! YES, THE DYNAMIC DUO ACQUIRES A DOG--AND WHAT A DOG! FOR THE KEY TO THE WHOLE DANGER-PACKED MYSTERY IS THEIR NEW ALLY -- THAT MASKED, FOUR-FOOTED WONDER, KNOWN AS... "ACE, THE BAT-HOUND!"
BOB KANE


ONE NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL GOTHAM CITY...
LOOK, BATMAN... THAT DOG TRYING TO SWIM THE RIVER-- HE'S SINKING!
COME ON, ROBIN-- WE CAN'T LET HIM DROWN!
HE'S BEEN STUNNED, KNOCKED GROGGY... THAT'S WHY HE COULDN'T SWIM THE STREAM!
WE'LL TAKE HIM HOME WITH US AND FIND HIS OWNER!
CAREFUL, BATMAN... YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT NOW, BUT YOU'RE ASKING FOR TROUBLE!

SOON, IN THE SECRET **BAT-CAVE**, A SWITCH TO THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES AS WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

HE'S FEELING PERKIER NOW... WE CAN PUT A LOST-AND-FOUND NOTICE IN ALL THE MORNING PAPERS!

AND SINCE I CAN'T GIVE THE **BAT-CAVE** AS MY ADDRESS, I'LL ADVERTISE AS BRUCE WAYNE!

SO THE FOLLOWING DAY...

THIS AD IN ALL THE PAPERS OUGHT TO GET RESULTS!

IN A WAY, I'LL BE SORRY WHEN HIS OWNER TURNS UP! I'VE GROWN FOND OF THAT POOCH--AND HE SEEMS TO LIKE US, TOO!

FOUND!! DOG--APPLY TO BRUCE WAYNE

BUT A GRATEFUL HOUND CAN PROVE **TOO** FRIENDLY, AS THE DUO LEARNS SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHILE ANSWERING A CALL FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THE DOG--HE'S COMING AFTER US!

NO TIME TO TAKE HIM BACK NOW! LET HIM IN THE CAR, AND YOU CAN HOLD HIM!

TROUBLE IS, ANYONE SEEING THIS DOG WILL RECOGNIZE HIM, FROM THAT FOREHEAD MARK, AS THE DOG BRUCE WAYNE ADVERTISED! IT'D IMPERIL OUR SECRET IDENTITIES!

I'LL FIX THAT WHILE YOU'RE CHECKING WITH HEADQUARTERS!

SO AWHILE LATER...

I CUT HIM THIS MASK FROM OUR BLACK CLOTH TOOL BAG... AND MADE A BAT-SYMBOL FOR HIS COLLAR! NOW NO ONE CAN RECOGNIZE HIM! BUT WHAT'S UP?

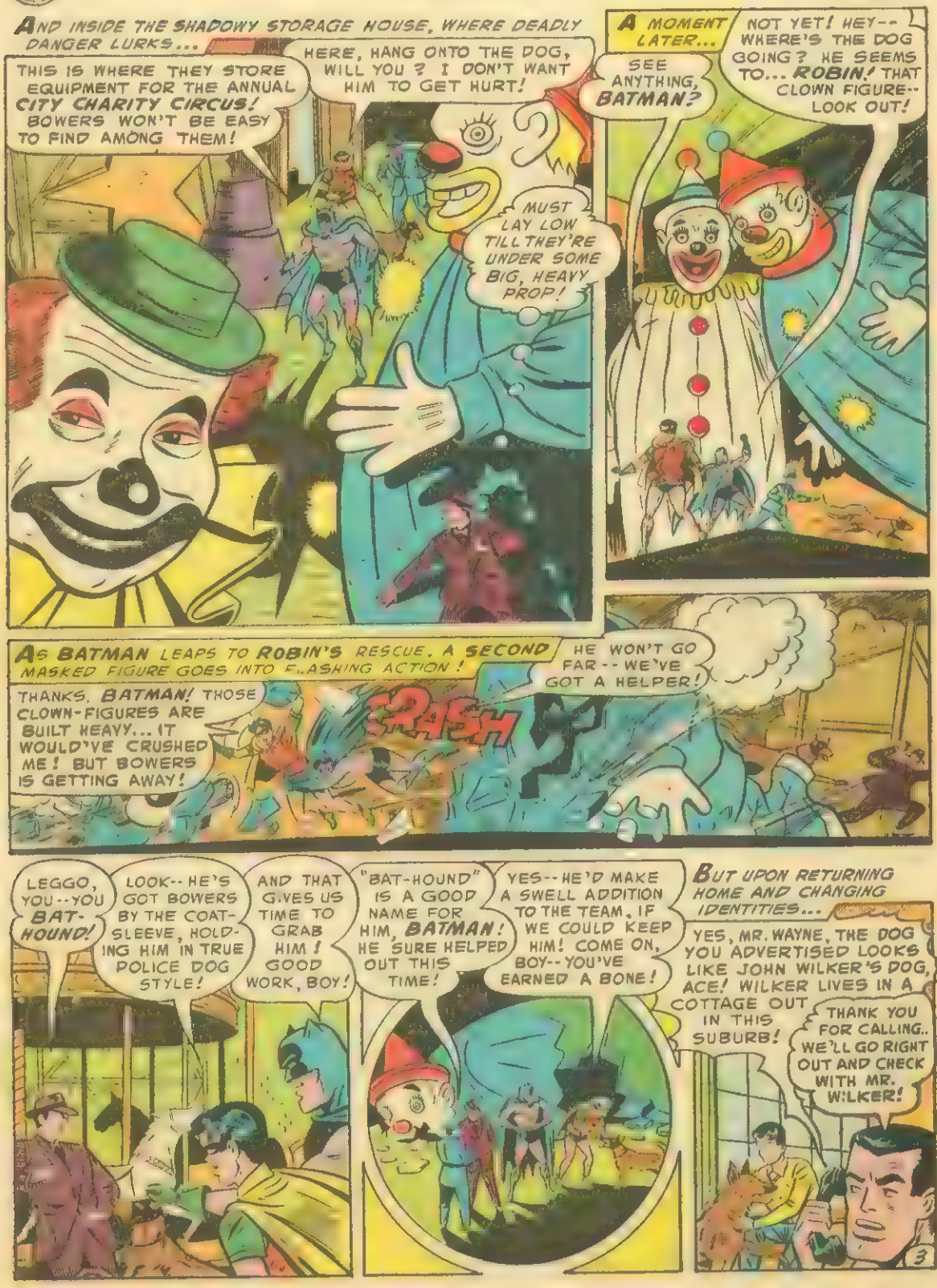
BERT BOWERS, AN ESCAPED CONVICTED, WAS SPOTTED GOING INTO THE **STEVENS WAREHOUSE!** WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!

WITHIN MINUTES, THE MIGHTY **BAT-MOBILE** STREAKS TO ITS DESTINATION...

I SPOTTED BOWERS SNEAKING IN THERE, AND CALLED IN AN ALARM!

COME ON, **ROBIN!**

YOU'D BETTER COME, TOO, PUP!


AND INSIDE THE SHADOWY STORAGE HOUSE, WHERE DEADLY DANGER LURKS...
THIS IS WHERE THEY STORE EQUIPMENT FOR THE ANNUAL CITY CHARITY CIRCUS! BOWERS WON'T BE EASY TO FIND AMONG THEM!
HERE, HANG ONTO THE DOG, WILL YOU? I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET HURT!
MUST LAY LOW TILL THEY'RE UNDER SOME BIG, HEAVY PROP!
A MOMENT LATER...
SEE ANYTHING, BATMAN?
NOT YET! HEY-- WHERE'S THE DOG GOING? HE SEEMS TO... ROBIN! THAT CLOWN FIGURE-- LOOK OUT!
AS BATMAN LEAPS TO ROBIN'S RESCUE, A SECOND MASKED FIGURE GOES INTO FLASHING ACTION!
CRASH
THANKS, BATMAN! THOSE CLOWN-FIGURES ARE BUILT HEAVY... IT WOULD'VE CRUSHED ME! BUT BOWERS IS GETTING AWAY!
HE WON'T GO FAR-- WE'VE GOT A HELPER!
LEGGO, YOU--YOU BAT-HOUND!
LOOK-- HE'S GOT BOWERS BY THE COAT-SLEEVE, HOLDING HIM IN TRUE POLICE DOG STYLE!
AND THAT GIVES US TIME TO GRAB HIM! GOOD WORK, BOY!
"BAT-HOUND" IS A GOOD NAME FOR HIM, BATMAN! HE SURE HELPED OUT THIS TIME!
YES-- HE'D MAKE A SWELL ADDITION TO THE TEAM, IF WE COULD KEEP HIM! COME ON, BOY-- YOU'VE EARNED A BONE!
BUT UPON RETURNING HOME AND CHANGING IDENTITIES...
YES, MR. WAYNE, THE DOG YOU ADVERTISED LOOKS LIKE JOHN WILKER'S DOG, ACE! WILKER LIVES IN A COTTAGE OUT IN THIS SUBURB!
THANK YOU FOR CALLING.. WE'LL GO RIGHT OUT AND CHECK WITH MR. WILKER!
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PRESENTLY, IN AN ISOLATED SUBURB...
YES, THAT'S JOHN WILKER'S DOG--AND THERE'S HIS COTTAGE! HE BOUGHT THIS TRAINED DOG BECAUSE HE LIVES ALONE AND IS AWAY FROM HOME ALL DAY!
THANKS--WE'LL RETURN HIM TO MR. WILKER AT ONCE!
BUT IN THE WILKER COTTAGE, THEY COME UPON A SINISTER MYSTERY...
IT LOOKS LIKE WILKER WAS OVERPOWERED AND TAKEN AWAY! ACE, DEFENDING HIM, MUST HAVE BEEN STUNNED--THEN, LATER, TRIED TO FOLLOW HIS MASTER!
IT SEEMS JOHN WILKER WAS EMPLOYED BY THE GOTHAM PRINTING AND ENGRAVING COMPANY! WE'LL CHECK THERE!
AT THE PRINTING FIRM, THE MYSTERY DEEPENS...
NO, MR. WAYNE, JOHN WILKER HASN'T BEEN TO WORK FOR TWO DAYS! AND WE NEED HIM... HE'S OUR MOST SKILLED ENGRAVER!
WELL, I'LL KEEP THIS DOG SAFELY FOR HIM!
BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE, HOWEVER, ALFRED THE BUTLER--THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS THE DUO'S SECRET IDENTITY--POINTS OUT A PERIL...
WHAT IF SOMEONE UNMASKS THIS HOUND AND TRACES HIM BACK TO BRUCE WAYNE?
I'LL TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THAT, ALFRED! WE'VE GOT TO FIND JOHN WILKER, AND HIS DOG CAN HELP US!
BUT LATER, A SUMMONING SYMBOL INTERRUPTS BATMAN'S PLANS...
THE BAT-SIGNAL IS FLASHING... BUT WHERE'S BAT-HOUND?
WE CAN'T WAIT FOR HIM... COME ON!
LOOK--THERE HE GOES! AS SOON AS HE SAW US RACE TO THE BATMOBILE, HE REALIZED WE MUST BE GOING TO HEADQUARTERS--JUST LIKE LAST TIME!
YES, TRAINED WATCHDOGS LEARN FAST!
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MINUTES LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER GORDON...
A BURGLARY AT A PAPER COMPANY? HOW CAN HE HELP US THERE, COMMISSIONER?
A BAT-HOUND? HE MAY BE HELPFUL ON THIS JOB!
PRECINCT STATION TEN REPORTS A BURGLARY AT GENER PAPER COMPANY. BURGLARS ESCA
THAT'S NOT WHY I CALLED YOU! A WOMAN'S 4-YEAR-OLD BOY HAS WANDERED AWAY IN THE LYNWOOD SECTION, AND WE CAN'T SEEM TO LOCATE HIM ANYWHERE!
COME ON, ROBIN!
BUT OUTSIDE, BATMAN, MAKES A QUICK CHANGE OF PLAN...
WITH BAT-HOUND, YOU CAN LOOK FOR THAT YOUNGSTER, WHILE I COVER THIS PAPER BURGLARY!
BUT STOLEN PAPER ISN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO... WELL-- ALL RIGHT, IF YOU SAY SO, BATMAN!
AND IN A NEARBY RESIDENTIAL SECTION, BAT-HOUND TAKES THE TRAIL IN A WAY NO HUMAN SLEUTH COULD...
THIS IS LITTLE ORVIE'S COAT, BAT-HOUND... NOW GO FIND HIM!
THE POLICE CAN'T LOCATE HIM ANYWHERE... EVERY INCH OF THE PARK'S BEEN SEARCHED!
BUT A DOG CAN COME UP WITH UNUSUAL PLACES TO SEARCH...
SO HE CRAWLED INTO THAT DRAINPIPE, EH? I CAN'T SQUEEZE IN, BUT YOU CAN, BAT-HOUND! BRING HIM OUT!
GOOD WORK, BAT-HOUND... WE'LL TURN HIM OVER TO HIS MOTHER AND JOIN BATMAN AT THAT PAPER FACTORY! WONDER WHY HE WAS SO INTERESTED IN STOLEN PAPER ANYHOW?
NICE DOGGIE!

A PUZZLING PROBLEM, INDEED, AS THE BOY WONDER JOINS BATMAN AT THE PAPER MILL...
YOU SAY ONLY ONE BALE OF THAT PARTICULAR PAPER WAS STOLEN?
YES, THAT'S ALL! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT--THE PAPER'S NOT THAT VALUABLE--AND... WH-WHAT'S THAT?
GR-R
WHY, BAT-HOUND.. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THIS PAPER ROBBERY! BAT-HOUND PROVES IT!
GRRRR GRRRR
BAT-HOUND HAS SCENTED THE BURGLARS' TRAIL HERE! BUT WHY SHOULD THAT ENRAGE HIM SO, UNLESS...
UNLESS THEY'RE THE SAME MEN WHO STUNNED HIM AND ABDUCTED HIS MASTER, JOHN WILKER! AND IF MY THEORY IS RIGHT, THEY'LL STRIKE NEXT AT THE BIG EASTERN PRINTING-INK COMPANY!
MOMENTS LATER...
BUT WHY SHOULD CROOKS WANT PAPER AND INK? I DON'T GET IT!
IT WAS SPECIAL PAPER THEY STOLE, ROBIN--THE KIND VALUABLE BONDS ARE PRINTED ON! WITH WILKER TO ENGRAVE AND PRINT FOR THEM, AND THE RIGHT PAPER AND INK, THEY CAN COUNTERFEIT BONDS!
AND WHEN THEY REACH THE INK FACTORY...
BAT-HOUND! COME BACK! HE'S GONE WILD, FOR SOME REASON...
EASTERN PRINTIN
ARF! ARF! ARF!
BAT-HOUND HAS A VERY GOOD REASON...
THAT MASKED DOG... IT'S MY OWN DOG--ACE!
THAT MUTT AGAIN? THIS CAN OF INK WILL KNOCK HIM COLD!
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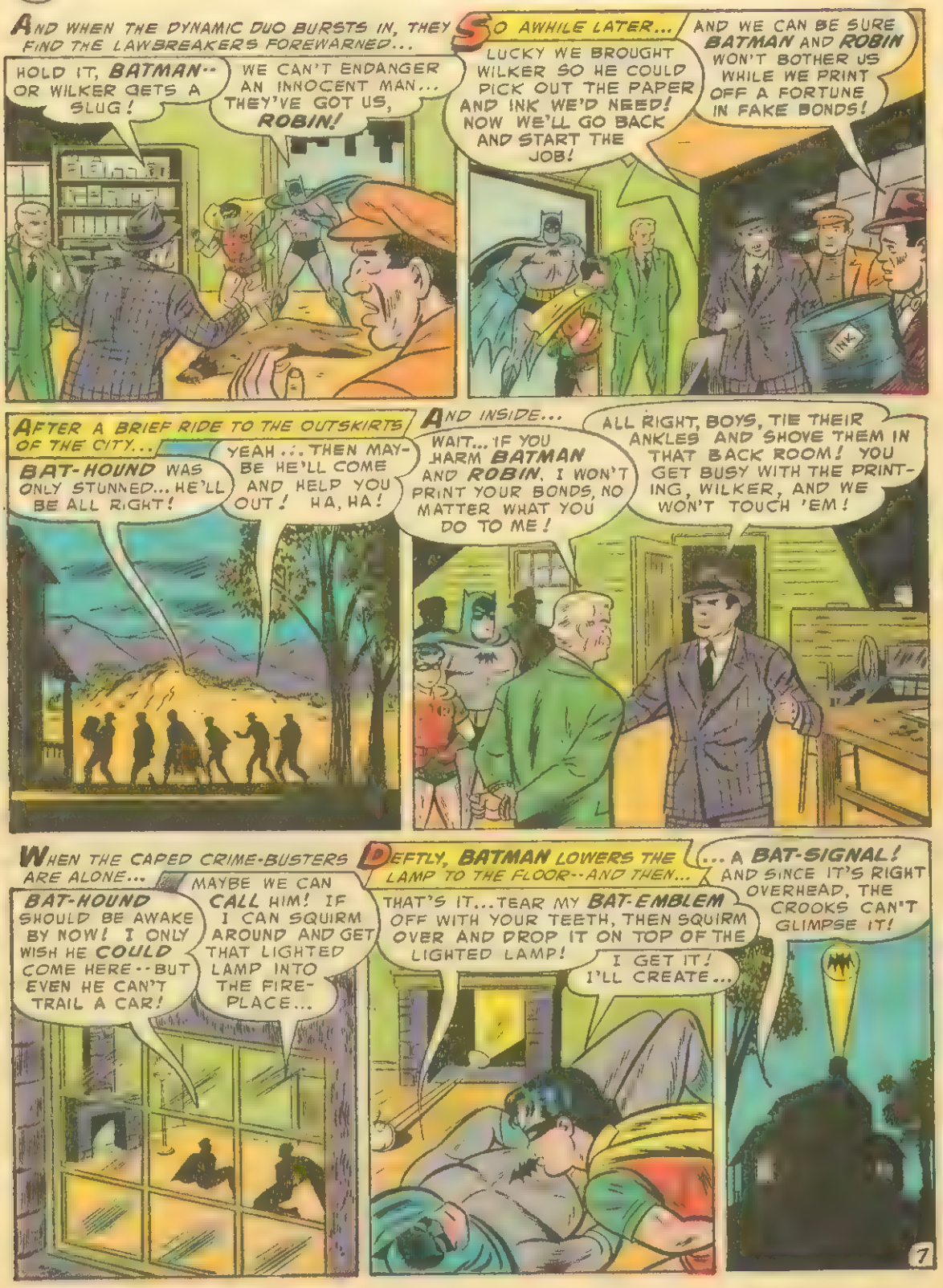
AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO BURSTS IN, THEY FIND THE LAWBREAKERS FOREWARNED...
HOLD IT, BATMAN-- OR WILKER GETS A SLUG!
WE CAN'T ENDANGER AN INNOCENT MAN... THEY'VE GOT US, ROBIN!
SO AWHILE LATER...
LUCKY WE BROUGHT WILKER SO HE COULD PICK OUT THE PAPER AND INK WE'D NEED! NOW WE'LL GO BACK AND START THE JOB!
AND WE CAN BE SURE BATMAN AND ROBIN WON'T BOTHER US WHILE WE PRINT OFF A FORTUNE IN FAKE BONDS!
INK
AFTER A BRIEF RIDE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...
BAT-HOUND WAS ONLY STUNNED... HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
YEAH... THEN MAYBE HE'LL COME AND HELP YOU OUT! HA, HA!
AND INSIDE...
WAIT... IF YOU HARM BATMAN AND ROBIN, I WON'T PRINT YOUR BONDS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO TO ME!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS, TIE THEIR ANKLES AND SHOVE THEM IN THAT BACK ROOM! YOU GET BUSY WITH THE PRINTING, WILKER, AND WE WON'T TOUCH 'EM!
WHEN THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS ARE ALONE...
BAT-HOUND SHOULD BE AWAKE BY NOW! I ONLY WISH HE COULD COME HERE--BUT EVEN HE CAN'T TRAIL A CAR!
MAYBE WE CAN CALL HIM! IF I CAN SQUIRM AROUND AND GET THAT LIGHTED LAMP INTO THE FIREPLACE...
DEFTLY, BATMAN LOWERS THE LAMP TO THE FLOOR--AND THEN...
THAT'S IT... TEAR MY BAT-EMBLEM OFF WITH YOUR TEETH, THEN SQUIRM OVER AND DROP IT ON TOP OF THE LIGHTED LAMP!
I GET IT! I'LL CREATE...
... A BAT-SIGNAL! AND SINCE IT'S RIGHT OVERHEAD, THE CROOKS CAN'T GLIMPSE IT!

FAR AWAY, A FOUR-FOOTED ALLY SEES THE SIGNAL THAT HE HAS LEARNED TO ANSWER...

SOON, OUTSIDE THE PRISONERS' ROOM, A GRIMLY SILENT SHAPE APPEARS...

COME ON, BAT-HOUND... YOU CAN FORCE OPEN THAT CASEMENT WINDOW IF YOU PRESS HARD!

GOOD BOY! YOU DID IT!

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THAT'S IT... NOW CHEW THE ROPE APART! ONCE I'M FREE, I CAN UNTIE BATMAN!

SECONDS LATER, A TERRIFYING TRIO BURSTS FORTH...

BATMAN AND ROBIN--FREE! AND THAT DOG...

THE BRIEF BATTLE ENDS ABRUPTLY--AND WHEN POLICE AND REPORTERS ARRIVE...

YES, THEY CAPTURED JOHN WILKER TO FORCE HIM TO HELP THEM PRINT FAKE BONDS!

BUT THAT DOG OF WILKER'S IS THE ONE BRUCE WAYNE ADVERTISED! AND HE'S YOUR BAT-HOUND! DOES THAT MEAN...?

...THAT I'M BRUCE WAYNE? NO, I GOT THE DOG FROM BRUCE TO HELP ME FIND WILKER--AS THIS SNAPSHOT ROBIN TOOK WILL SHOW YOU!

AND THEY CAN'T KNOW THAT ALFRED WORE THE BATMAN COSTUME WHEN I SNAPPED THAT PICTURE ALIBI!

HE'S A GREAT DOG, MR. WILKER! IT WAS HE WHO REALLY SAVED US!

AND IF YOU EVER WANT TO BE A BAT-HOUND AGAIN, ACE--THE POSITION IS OPEN!

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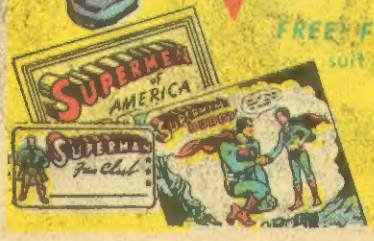

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WHY? BECAUSE I WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN HEALTH PROBLEMS.
THERE ARE LOTS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS, JIMMY. SOME PEOPLE BECOME PHYSICIANS OR DENTISTS, BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER HEALTH CAREERS, LIKE MINE, FOR EXAMPLE. IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR INTERESTS AND ABILITIES...
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THAT FIELD, JIMMY--MAYBE YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR, MR. WALTERS.
GOOD IDEA, BUZZY--I WILL.
SAY, THIS OPENS UP ALL KINDS OF POSSIBILITIES, MR. WALTERS.
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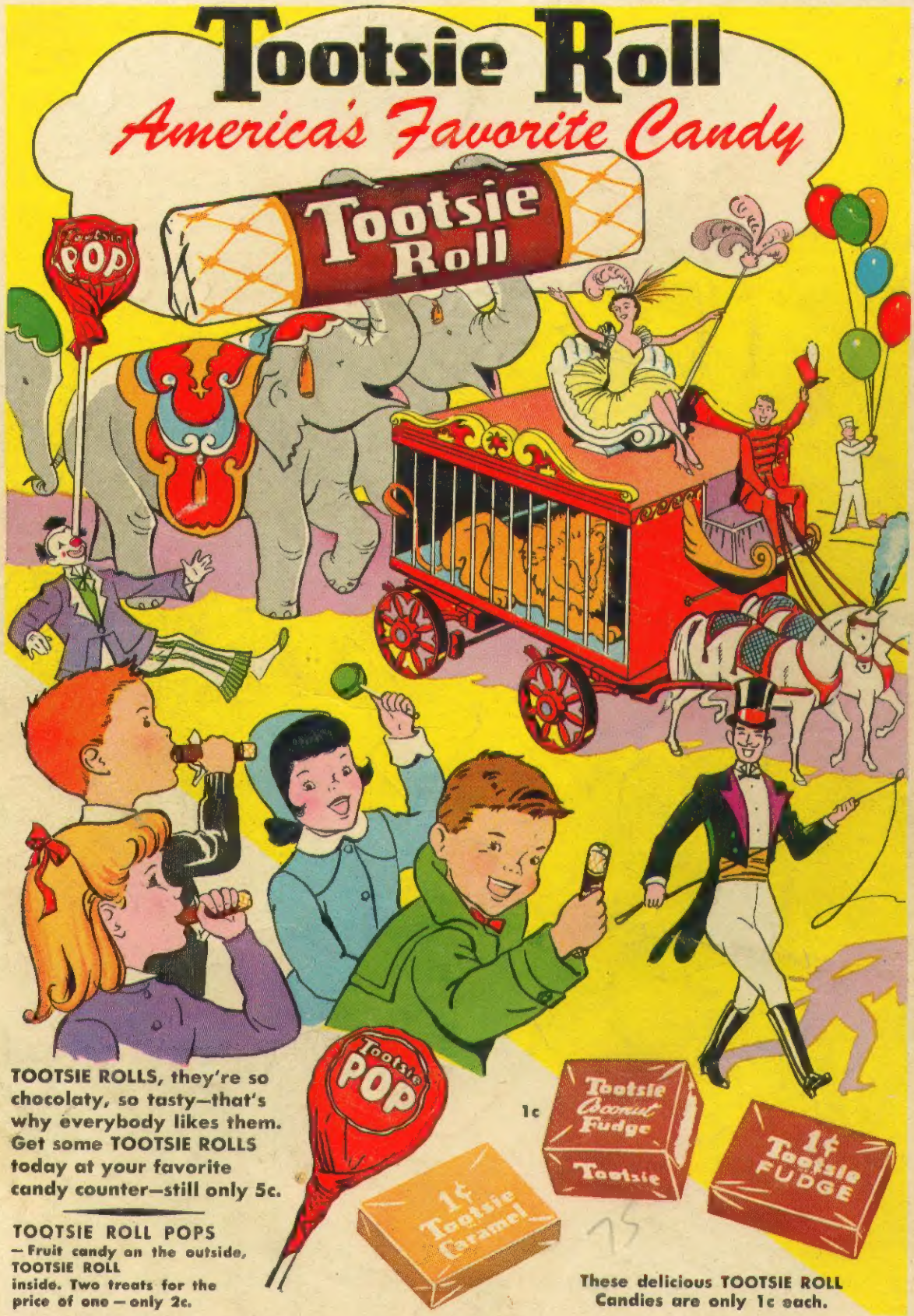
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